



State of
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

Jack Dalrymple
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2013-20

WHEREAS, the United States Congress enacted the National and Community Services Act of 1990, (the Act), as amended through Public Law 106-170, to help meet the unmet human, educational, environmental, and public safety needs of the United States without displacing existing workers; and

WHEREAS, the National and Community Services Act of 1990, as amended, allows for the appointment of a State Commission on National and Community Service in order to be eligible to receive a grant under Subtitle B, School Based and Community Based Service-Learning Programs, and Subtitle C, National Service Trust Programs or to receive a distribution of approved national service positions under Subtitle C; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota is working to address issues related to the aging population in our rural areas; the unemployment and school drop-out rate on our Native American Indian Reservations; a shortage of teachers in our rural communities, and a shortage of full time law enforcement in many of the state's rural communities; that the National and Community Services Act of 1990 empowers communities to address; and

WHEREAS, the State Commission on National and Community Service was initially created by Executive Order 2002-02.3 to address the previously mentioned needs; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 1113, enacted during the 2013 legislative session, repealed section 54-62-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, which had established an advisory commission on faith-based and community initiatives to support the state's efforts to enable and expand the work of faith-based and community organizations within the state; and

WHEREAS, faith-based and community initiatives are a key component in addressing community needs, and by broadening the mission of the State Commission on National and Community Service to include these components we may better serve the needs of our communities.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jack Dalrymple, Governor of the State of North Dakota, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the constitution and laws of the state, and pursuant to the National and Community Service Act of 1990, hereby re-establish the State Commission on National and Community Service, (State Commission). The State Commission shall coordinate its activities with the Corporation for National and Community Service (the Corporation) to the extent required by the Act.

Voting members on the State Commission shall include:

1. One Senator, appointed by the Governor;
2. One Representative, appointed by the Governor;

3. Two representatives of a community-based agency or organization, appointed by the Governor;
4. The head of the State education agency;
5. One representative of local government, appointed by the Governor;
6. One representative of local labor organizations in the state, appointed by the Governor;
7. One representative of business, appointed by the Governor;
8. One individual with experience in promoting the involvement of older adults (age 55 and older) in service and volunteerism, appointed by the Governor;
9. One individual between the ages of 16-25 who is a participant or supervisor of a service program for school-aged youth, or of a campus-based or national service program, appointed by the Governor;
10. One individual who is a representative of a National Service Program, appointed by the Governor;
11. One individual with expertise in the educational, training, and developmental needs of youth, particularly disadvantaged youth, appointed by the Governor;
12. One representative from one of the state's Indian Tribes, appointed by the Governor;
13. One representative of the volunteer sector, appointed by the Governor; and
14. One member at large, appointed by the Governor.

Ex-Officio, non-voting members of the State Commission shall consist of:

1. Corporation for National and Community Service representative;
2. State Commission Executive Director.

Members of the State Commission shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor for three-year terms of service staggered so that one third of the terms of membership expire each year.

The State Commission's purpose is to foster a nonpartisan, state-level commitment to advancing service initiatives in North Dakota, and to play a leadership role in developing, communicating and promoting a statewide vision of service throughout the State. In order to meet this objective, the State Commission shall have the authority to design, approve, and implement all necessary duties and functions including:

1. Develop, lead, and coordinate the state's policy agenda affecting faith-based and community service programs and initiatives;
 - a. Coordinate public education activities designed to mobilize public support for faith-based and community initiatives through volunteerism, special projects, demonstration projects, and public and private partnerships;
 - b. Encourage private charitable giving to support faith-based and community initiatives;
 - c. Bring concerns, ideas, and policy options to the Governor and Legislative Assembly for assisting, strengthening, and replacing successful faith-based and community service programs;

- d. Provide policy and legal education to state, local, and community policymakers and public officials seeking ways to empower faith-based and community organizations and to improve the opportunities, capacity, and expertise of these faith-based and community organizations;
 - e. Develop and implement strategic initiatives to strengthen the institutions of civil society and the state's families and communities; and
 - f. Encourage innovative grassroots efforts, nonprofit organizations and civic initiatives.
2. Development of a three-year comprehensive national and community service plan and establishment of State priorities;
 - a. Plan must be developed through an open and public process;
 - b. Outreach process must include input from representatives of established State service programs, representatives of diverse, broad-based community organizations that serve underserved populations and other interested people, including young people;
 - c. The plan must contain information, such as the State Commission considers appropriate and must contain such other information as the Corporation may require.
3. Engage in selection of Subtitle C programs and preparation of application to the Corporation;
 - a. Administer a competitive grant process to select national service programs to include in any application to the Corporation for funding;
 - b. Prepare an application to the Corporation to receive funding or educational awards for the programs selected.
4. Administer the grant program, including responsibility for administering the grants and overseeing and monitoring the performance and progress of funded programs, once subtitle C and community-based Subtitle B funds are awarded.
5. Evaluation and monitoring;
 - a. Evaluate and monitor funding and programming of the State Commission on an annual basis.
 - b. Ensure that the efforts of faith-based and community services organizations meet high standards of accountability.
6. Technical assistance, including providing technical assistance to local nonprofit organizations, including faith-based and other community initiatives, with regard to applying for funds and in implementing and operating high quality programs.

7. Program development assistance and training, including assisting in development of Subtitle C programs (a description of such proposal assistance must be included in the State comprehensive plan).
8. Benefits Assistance for the provision of health and child care benefits to Subtitle C program participants.
9. Make recommendations to the Corporation;
 - a. Coordinate activities with other State Agencies;
 - b. Coordinate with volunteer service programs.

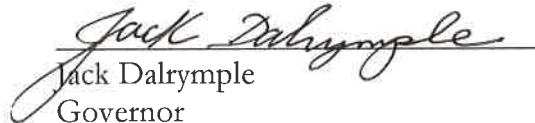
The State Commission shall advise the Governor concerning the implementation of the state's strategic plan for National and Community Service, and its adaptation to changing volunteer and community service needs in the state, so as to ensure the ongoing application of a strategic approach to effective, coordinated delivery of National and Community Service. The State Commission may not directly operate or run any national service program receiving financial assistance in any form, from the Corporation.

The State Commission shall report annually to the Governor regarding its activities and those of the relevant programs. The State Commission shall operate according to by-laws approved by the State Commission.

This order is issued pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of the North Dakota Constitution.

This order is effective immediately and replaces Executive Order 2013-10, which is hereby rescinded.

Executed at Bismarck, North Dakota this 21st day of October, 2013.


Jack Dalrymple
Governor

ATTEST:


Secretary of State

Deputy